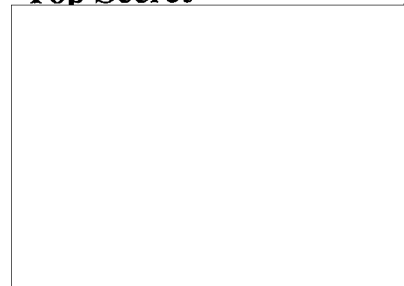




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LEBANON: Israeli Moves in West Beirut

Israeli military units surrounding the Lebanese capital have reoccupied checkpoints leading into the city, and a small unit has advanced approximately 100 meters beyond previously held positions in southwest Beirut. Tel Aviv stated that these moves were precautionary only and that it has no intention of taking over West Beirut. An Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman claimed that Israel's action in southwest Beirut had been planned before Bashir Jumayyil's assassination and was intended to support the Lebanese Army's move into West Beirut.

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Comment: Israeli forces surrounding West Beirut clearly are in a heightened state of alert. Israel has been drawing down its forces around Beirut but still maintains the major elements of an armored division near the city and along the Beirut-Damascus Highway. These forces probably are positioning themselves to separate the Phalange and leftists until the situation in the aftermath of Jumayyil's death becomes clear. The Israelis will be reluctant, however, to get involved in any large-scale fighting between Lebanese factions.

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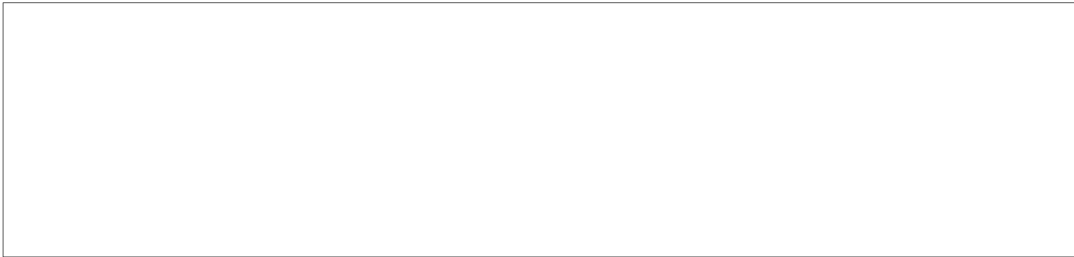
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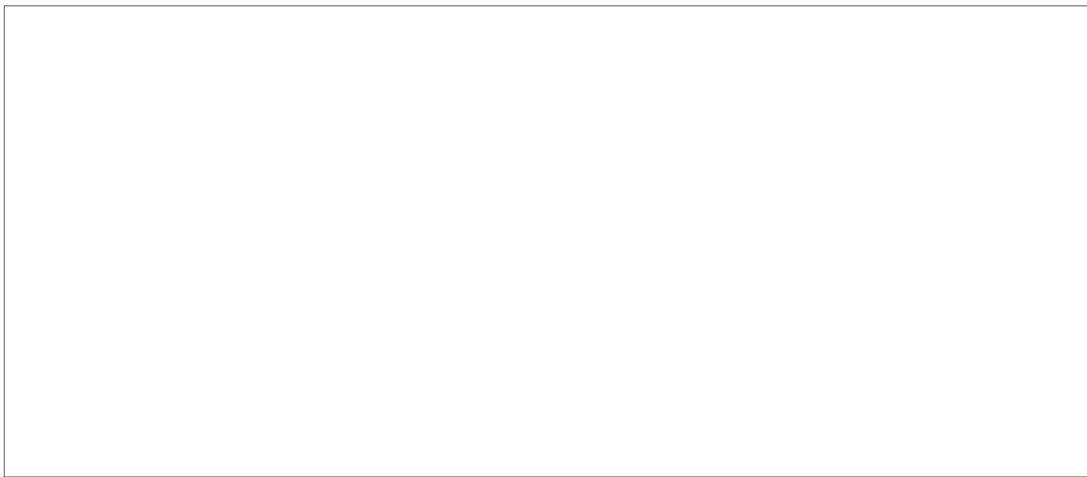
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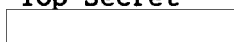
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Cuban Combat Aircraft Inventory

	Total Inventory	Received Since September 1981
MIG-23 E/F/B (all combat versions)	35	20
MIG-23 C (trainer)	5	4
Total	40	24
MIG-21 L (interceptor)	100	56
MIG-21 J (interceptor)	18	
MIG-21 F (interceptor)	30	
MIG-21 C (interceptor)	27	
MIG-21 U (trainer)	14	2
MIG-21 H (reconnaissance)	8	
Total	197	58
MIG-17 (interceptor)	26	
Total MIG aircraft	263	82
AN-26 Transports	22	4
MI-24 Hind-D Helicopters	13	13



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③ CUBA: Air Force Buildup

1/4 The Cuban Air Force has grown in size and capability as a result of receiving large numbers of modern aircraft from the USSR in the past year, and Havana has established a new fighter base--the country's fourth--at the airfield at San Julian.

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The new aircraft--late-model MIG-23s, MIG-21s, and assault helicopters--have arrived faster than the Air Force has been able to put them into service.

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3/4 Comment: It is not clear why Cuba received so many new aircraft over such a short period if it did not have enough trained pilots and maintenance technicians to operate them. The Soviets may have been responding to President Castro's fears of possible US hostile action, or they may simply have found it more convenient to ship the aircraft when they had vessels available.

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Most of the new aircraft probably are intended to replace older models.

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4 The major effect of the deliveries has been to strengthen considerably Cuba's air defenses. The late model MIG-21s and MIG-23s are roughly comparable to top US fighters of 10 years ago, specifically the F-4 and F-5.

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4 Cuba also now has a greater capability to project its power in the region. For example, it will be easier for Havana to come to the aid of Nicaragua and Grenada, provided its aircraft are assured access to basing facilities there.

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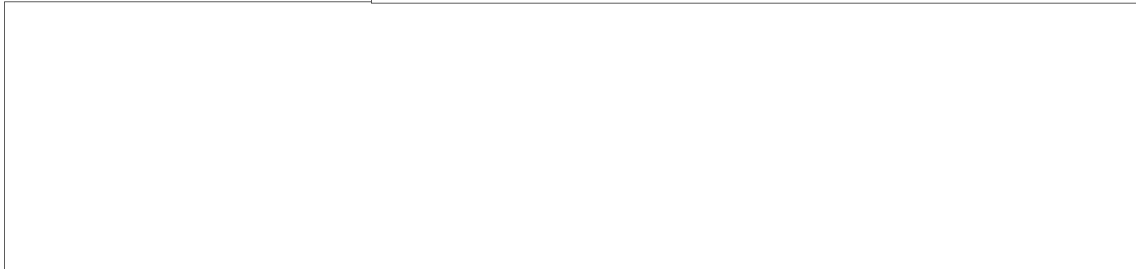


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4 Cuba could make available to the Sandinistas at least 12 MIG-17s, and perhaps an equal number of early model MIG-21s, which would be suitable for an inexperienced air force. There also are enough modern MIG-21s in Cuba now to send some to Nicaragua without weakening Cuban air defenses. 


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DIA Comment:





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DIA believes it is highly unlikely Cuba will provide any modern MIG-21s to Nicaragua since they constitute the main part of Havana's interceptor force. 

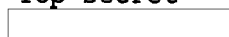
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the possibility of a direct shipment of MIGs to Nicaragua from the USSR cannot be discounted. 

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JAPAN: Demands for Economic Measures

Prime Minister Suzuki is encountering increasing demands to revive Japan's sluggish economy by moving quickly to increase government spending, and he may announce a decision in a major speech scheduled for tomorrow.

In the past few days most of Suzuki's potential challengers for election this fall as president of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party--and thereby as Prime Minister--have called for government action. According to press reports, Finance Minister Watanabe, until now a staunch backer of tight fiscal policy, is resigned to some change in policy.

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Comment: The demands are coming both from political opportunists and from officials genuinely worried about the pace and direction of the economy. Suzuki's rivals, including former Prime Minister Fukuda, are trying to force a special Diet session before the party elections to focus attention on what they consider Suzuki's mismanagement of the economy. The Economic Planning Agency now believes that Japan will achieve less than 3 percent growth this year, even though the official forecast remains 5.2 percent.

While some moves to stimulate the economy are likely before the end of the year, Suzuki may avoid additional spending now by announcing he is formulating recommendations and will convene a special session after the election.

As long as Tanaka--Japan's most powerful politician--continues to support Suzuki, he is in a strong position to be reelected.

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